

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 6, with the following amended paragraph.

Other suitable noncurable materials for use in the organic compositions of the dental article forms of the present invention are those described in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,057,383 (Völkel et al.), 5,403,188 (Oxman et al.), and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0061493 A1 (Sun et al.), which could be used as noncurable materials if the initiator is not included in the composition.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

Other suitable materials for use in the curable organic compositions of the dental article forms are those described in U.S. Patent No. 6,057,383 (Völkel et al.), 5,403,188 (Oxman et al.), and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0061493 A1 (Sun et al.), and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/219,398 (published as US 2003-0114553 A1), filed on August 15, 2002, entitled "Hardenable Self-Supporting Structures and Methods."

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 29, with the following amended paragraph.

Examples of suitable initiators are described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/219,398, filed on August 15, 2002 (published as US 2003-0114553 A1), entitled "Hardenable Self-Supporting Structures and Methods."

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, with the following amended paragraph.

Examples of suitable fillers are described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/219,398, filed on August 15, 2002 (published as US 2003-0114553 A1), entitled "Hardenable Self-Supporting Structures and Methods."

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 21, with the following amended paragraph.

The shaped articles can be sold individually or in multiple units, preferably packaged in a way that protects them from heat and/or light that can activate the initiator system contained in the compositions that are curable or if the dental article forms are prefilled with a hardenable dental material. Examples of suitable curable hardenable dental materials that may be used in connection with the present invention include, e.g., the photopolymerizable and chemically polymerizable compositions disclosed for use as hardenable dental materials (restoratives, fillers, etc.) as described in, e.g., U.S. Patent Application No. 10.185,431 (published as U.S. 2004-0005524 A1), filed June 28, 2002 (Oxman et al.), entitled PROCESSES FOR FORMING DENTAL MATERIALS AND DEVICE "Processes for Forming Dental Materials and Device"; as well as U.S. Patents 6,084,004 (Weinmann et al.) and 6,187,836 (Oxman et al.)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 17, with the following amended paragraph.

The dental article forms may include one or more of the following features: a handle attached to the dental article (preferably, crown) form at a location removed from the base of the dental article form; a vented handle through which excess amounts of hardenable dental material can pass during placement of the dental article form; and one or more lines of weaknesses that may be separated to remove a dental article form from dental material after placement of the filled dental article form. These embodiments are more fully described with respect to dental crown forms in Applicants' Assignees' copending U.S. Patent Application No.

[] 10/643,771, filed on even date herewith 19 August 2003, entitled "Dental Crown Forms and Methods" (Attorney Docket No. 58449US001).